

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Distribution of Outside Materials **ITEM NO:** 4B
Policy 2-13

PREPARED BY: Jean S. Murray,
Superintendent **MEETING:** September 13, 2005
Valerie Cottongim,
Office of Public Information **ACTION DATE:** Information Only

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

To review information regarding Policy and Regulation 2-13, Distribution of Outside Materials

KEY POINTS:

1. At the School Board Retreat in July 2005, the School Board reviewed the current School Board Policy and Regulation 2-13, Distribution of Outside Materials.
2. That review included information regarding a recent ruling by the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals regarding outside communications distributed by schools and school divisions and information from a other school divisions regarding their policies, regulations and guidelines regarding distribution of outside materials.
3. At the request of the SCPS School Board, school administrators were polled last year regarding the distribution of outside communications. The consensus was that the schools do not have the staff to distribute these flyers, nor is it the job of the schools to provide access to the students for these organizations' advertisements.
4. The availability of parent pick-up tables at the schools and tables at back-to-school nights, seem to adequately address the needs of our local non-profit organizations. These methods are not aggressive or intrusive and do not offend parents and families, nor do they add to the workload of the classroom teacher.
5. The Office of Public Information is developing guidelines/standard-operating procedures for distribution of outside materials similar to the Guide for Approval and Distribution of Outside materials from Arlington Public Schools.
6. Materials shared at the retreat are attached to this item.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal 3—Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in schools.

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